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## **KC MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO POSSESSION, INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE CRACK COCAINE**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to possessing with intent to distribute crack cocaine.

**Derrick A. King**, 24, of Kansas City, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr., this morning.

By pleading guilty, **King** admitted that he possessed with intent to distribute crack cocaine on Feb. 24, 2004. **King** also admitted that he was in possession of Llama Max II 9 mm semi-automatic pistol at the time law enforcement officers discovered the crack cocaine, Graves said.

**King** was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on April 6, 2004, in Kansas City.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kathleen Mahoney. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

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